IN INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

HAWAII.

Examination of Rats and Mongoose.

Rats and mongoose have been examined in Hawaii for plague infection as follows: Honolulu, week ended March 28, 1914, 366; Hilo, week ended March 21, 1914, 2,281; week ended March 28, 1914, 2,275. No plague-infected animal was found.

Diphtheria—Honolulu.

Diphtheria has been present in the district of Honolulu for several weeks. To March 28, 1914, there were notified 219 cases with 2 deaths. The infecting organism has been determined to be morphologically and culturally identical with the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus. It seems to be of very low virulence. Many of the notified cases have been in bacillus carriers who showed no clinical symptoms.

Plague at Kukuihaele.

A fatal case of plague was notified April 18, 1914, at Kukuihaele, Hawaii.

PORTO RICO.

Examination of Rats and Mongoose.

During the week ended April 3, 1914, 670 rats, 284 mice, and 1 mongoose were examined in Porto Rico for plague infection. No plague-infected animal was found.